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SUBJECT/ PERU'S TUNA FLEET

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1. MR. GERALD B. HOWARD, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF US TUNA CONSERVATION REGULATIONS AND IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH PEPESCA MANAGEMENT, WILL WRITE DIRECTLY TO THEM WITH COPY TO EMBASSY) EXPLAINING HOW SHITE STAR OPERATIONS CAN BE MADE TO CONFORM WITH US REGULATIONS. AT RECENT IATTC MEETING,
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PEPESCA OBSERVER BRANKO ZUNJIC DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH

REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

2. WITH RESPECT TO TWO REFRIGERATOR SHIPS, WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY FILES AND IGOR VELAZQUEZ AT FOREIGN MINISTRY CAN ALL TESTIFY TO THE FRUSTRATING AND ILLSTARRED PREVIOUS ATTEMPT STRETCHING OVER FOURTEEN MONTHS TO PILOT PERU THROUGH REEFS OF REGULATIONS TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF TWO REFRIGERATOR SHIPS FROM THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION RESERVE FLEETS. BASIC POINT WHICH BRANKI ZUNJIC AND PERHAPS OTHER INTERESTED PERUVIANS APPEAR UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IS THAT SALE OF THESE VESSELS IS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH NEGOTIATION OR TRANSFER. SECTION 508 OF MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936 AS AMENDED PROVIDES THAT THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) CAN ONLY SELL VESSELS IN ITS RESERVE FLEETS "...FOR CAS AFTER APPRAISEMENT AND DUE ADVERTISEMENT AND UPON COMPETITIVE SEALED BID." FURTHER, SUCH SALES ARE LIMITED TO SCRAPPING AND NON-TRANSPORTATION" (CARRIAGE OF CARGO OR PASSENGERS PROHIBITED). SINCE FEBRUARY 1973 DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR ALL SCRAP CANDIDATE SHIPS IN RESERVE FLEETS HAS INCREASED, PRICE HAS ALSO INCREASED TO RECORD HIGHS, AND A NUMBER OF REFRIGERATOR SHIPS HAVE BEEN SOLD. ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AUGUR ILL FOR PERUVIANS SHOULD THEY WISH TO ENGAGE IN BID-SALE PROCEDURE ONE AGAIN. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PRUDENT COURSE FOR EMBASSY, IN ORDER TO AVOID SUBSEQUENT PERUVIAN DISAPPOINTMENT, IS TO STRESS REQUIREMENT OF US LAW RELATING TO SALES AS WELL AS DIFFICULTIES POSED BY MARAD REGULATIONS TO FOREIGN SALE. IF US ONLY SOURCE THESE VESSELS, MOST VIABLE SHORT RUN OPTION FOR PERUVIANS MIGHT BE TO CHARTER OR LEASE OTHER REFRIGERATOR SHIPS OWNED BY AMERICAN FIRMS.

3. BRANKO ZUNJIC DISCUSSED IATTC REGULATIONS WITH DESK IN MID-NOVEMBER AND STATED PEPESCA HAS EVERY INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH THEM. DESK ALSO REVIEWED THE REFRIGERATOR SHIP QUESTION,

MAKING POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE.
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